

REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 9, 2010 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the present Amendment is believed sufficient to place this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 1-18 are cancelled and claims 19-29 are presented. Claim 19 contains limitations from previous claims 1 and 7-9, claims 20-24 contain limitations from previous claims 2-6, respectively, and claims 25-28 contain limitations from previous claims 12-15, respectively. Claim 29 also contains limitations from previous claims 1 and 7-9, but omits positive recitation of the rinsing fluid as a required element. Accordingly, it is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, and therefore entry is in order and is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 12 and 13 were objected to as containing informalities. Claims 19-29 presented herein are believed to overcome the noted informalities.

Claims 9-11 and 13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As claim 9 depended from claims 1, 7 and 8, and claim 19 presented herein contains all of the limitations of claims 1 and 7-9, it is believed that claim 19, and claims 20-28 directly or indirectly dependent on claim 19, are in prima facie condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant asserts that claim 29 presented herein, while not reciting the rinsing fluid as a required element, similarly contains the subject matter which distinguished claims 7-9 from the prior art and therefore is also in prima facie condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

While claims 1-8, 12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), this rejection is believed to be moot in view of the claims presented herein.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned if any issues remain outstanding, in order to expedite any further prosecution.

Please charge any fees required in connection with the present communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 503915.

Respectfully submitted,

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